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AND DEVELOPER SUPPLY)
CONTAINER REMOVABLY)
MOUNTABLE IN IMAGE FORMING)
APPARATUS)

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The listed document was cited in the enclosed Chinese Official Action, which is dated February 13, 2004. An English language translation of the Official Action also is enclosed. Japanese Patent Document No. 11-153904 was cited by the Examiner in the Official Action dated July 24, 2002. Therefore, no copy of the document is enclosed. However, the document is listed on the enclosed PTO 1449 citation form.

CONCLUSION

It is earnestly believed that all requirements for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement have been satisfied.

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